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Temple rush on New Year Day

Thousands seek divine grace for auspicious beginning...

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (MTY&BCT)- With the dawn of New Year 2026, a heavy rush was witnessed at temples across the city this morning as thousands thronged the shrines to offer prayers and usher in the year on an auspicious note.

Long queues of devotees included newlyweds, youths and senior citizens, arriving early to seek blessings. The festive spirit was evident at popular tourist destinations, where holiday crowds had a vibrant start.

Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill, a major religious and tourism landmark, has been witnessing a sea of devotees since early today.

Residents of the Hill, for whom every auspicious day begins with a *darshan* of the Goddess, also joined the serpentine queues.

With mass *Lalitha Sahasranama* chanting on Jan. 2, followed by the weekend on Jan. 3 and 4, an even larger influx of devotees is expected at the Hill Temple.

The District Administration and Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority have made elaborate arrangements, including barricading and regulated ticketing, to ensure smooth *darshan* and effective crowd management.

(See TEMPLE on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 1st January 2026

Sadvidya student excels in Kannada essay contest

Mysuru, Jan. 1- B.N. Druthi, a student of Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College, Vijayanagar, has secured second place in Divisional-level Kannada essay competition held in Udupi recently.

B.N. Druthi

The competition, organised by the Pre-University Education Department, featured participants from across the division.

Druthi wrote her essay on the topic "The Role of Teachers in the Digital Era" and was recognised for her clarity of thought, depth of analysis and effective expression.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE COMMON GROUND OF PEACE: *Among theists, many argue that if religions unite many, they also divide too many. Therefore, the challenge or task before god-following or god-believing communities, societies and groups of humanity is to iron out these dividing forces and reiterate uniting forces so that religions keep playing a constructive role so long as these exist in human consciousness.*

It is largely accepted by the ones who trust evidentiary yogic experiential methods of self-realisation as well as by the believers who have faith in the existence of God as a separate supreme entity that the existence of divinity or God cannot be proven by human means and mind.

Yet, they agree on this point: that though they may not have seen it yet, there are certain divine qualities which may be verified (perceived) by human reasoning and it is the presence (perception) of these qualities that gives them succour that the compassionate, loving and merciful divinity must exist.

Omnipresence is that first quality or qualification which makes the existence of divinity credible in the minds of reasoning humanity. Precisely, a reasoning human mind reasons with itself: who is ruling that space with its power where divinity isn't present (doesn't exist)? And, once the human mind is convinced that there can possibly be such a place/space where the sway of the divine doesn't rule, then it won't trust anyone's sermons to believe or trust the existence of any such divine dimension.

Thus omnipresence becomes axiomatic reasonable evidence of divinity in a purely reasoning mind. It is only right reasoning which keeps human minds tilted towards divinity or God. The second qualification can be the assurance of delivery of justice.

A reasoning human mind reasons that if there is no justice in the ultimate run, then the existence of divinity or God doesn't make any sense. Delivering justice is an obvious responsibility of any omnipotent power which is virtuous in nature. Therefore, being judicious becomes another quality of omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent divinity in a right-reasoning human mind.

When the order of divine virtues and values dawns upon in its real order in the human heart/mind/consciousness, none can stay away from the humbling experience of immortal calmness within. Should religions focus on anything other than peacefulness within? Be we theists or atheists, peace is our common love.

— Nandkishore in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Coffee shop deep inside a cave

Beijing: In China's Yangshuo County, there exists a coffee shop that feels more like an adventure. To reach the spot, visitors must wear proper headgear and sturdy shoes while navigating their way through a deep cave. The journey is thrilling at every step, as one has to ensure their head does not brush against the jagged stalactites hanging from above.

Inside is a whole new world featuring natural limestone formations, stalactites and warm lighting adorning the ceilings. White-themed chairs dominate the venue while stone-made counters blend seamlessly with the cave's interiors – merging geology with coffee culture. There are also a wide variety of coffee options served to customers.

"Things we do for coffee. Getting to this coffee shop in Yangshuo was quite a journey, the most unique way we worked to get our morning coffee," read a side note.

Longest residential building

Lutsk: The Ukrainian city of Lutsk is home to a Soviet relic that holds the title of the 'world's longest residential building', a concrete behemoth measuring 2.75 kilometres.

The world's longest residential building is located at the intersection of Sobornosti Avenue and Molodezhy Street. Construction began in 1969, during the time of the Soviet Union, and was completed 11 years later. That's an unusually long time for an apartment building, but this is an unusual project.

Featuring hundreds of entrances, over 3,000 apartments, tens of thousands of windows, and roughly 10,000 residents, the world's largest residential building is larger than many small towns around the world. Because of its sheer size, initial residents recall struggling to find their apartments for weeks after moving in, which required the implementation of a unique address system for each section.

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City Physician honoured by API Karnataka Chapter

City's noted Physician Dr. V. Lakshminarayan, who was honoured during Physicians Day celebrations organised by Association of Physicians of India (API), Karnataka Chapter, at API Bhavan, Bengaluru, on Dec. 23, is seen with Dr. Mohan Kumar Mahadevaiah, Hon. Secretary of API Karnataka Chapter; Dr. Pratima Murthy, Director, NIMHANS; Justice B.S. Patil, Karnataka Lokayukta, Dr. B. Mahalingappa, Chairman of API Karnataka Chapter and others.

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REALLY...?

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VOICE OF THE READER

Train announcements through FM radio

Sir,

The South Western Railway (SWR) is no doubt doing a good job through constant upgradation to meet the growing requirements of the public and, of course, to enhance comfort and travel experience — especially in the Mysuru Division.

I would suggest that SWR Mysuru consider broadcasting train announcements through FM radio. This could help the public plan the last few minutes of their journey before arriving at the station — whether to board a train or receive relatives; enable cab drivers to receive passengers on time; and help specially-abled persons get timely assistance.

While the logistics involved are beyond my understanding, some experts can certainly work out the feasibility.

—E.Venkatesh
Vidyaranyapuram
25.12.2025

City Urdu poetess at Saudi Arabia Poets' Meet

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Dr. Maha Jabeen Nairn Ghazaal (Hindi pen-name "Madhoo"), an erudite Urdu-Hindi poetess, fiction writer and scholar from city, participated in an International Poets' Meet held in the third week of December at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

She was among four poets invited from India and also the sole woman participant from across the globe at this prestigious event organised by Gulban Organisation, Jeddah.

Poets from the United States, Pakistan and Bahrain, along with local poets from Saudi Arabia, presented their compositions before a large audience. Dr. Maha Jabeen's poetry received warm appreciation from the audience.

Dr. Maha Jabeen presenting poems at the meet in Jeddah.

On the occasion, the preview edition of her book "Aayinaa-der-Aayinaa" was released.

The Organising Committee had arranged a pilgrimage (Umrah) to Makkah and Madinah for the participants after the conclusion of the meet.

Before flying to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Maha Jabeen also participated in a State-level Kavi Sammelan organised by Karnataka Urdu Academy at Bengaluru.

Ban orders around exam centres

Mysuru, Jan. 1- With the UGC-NET exam conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) scheduled to take place at ION Digital Zone, IDZ Hebbal Jyothirgamaya Mansion, opposite Bharath Cancer Hospital, Hebbal Industrial Area and at Chandana Resource Centre, Sathagalli KSRTC Bus Stand Complex, Mahadevapura Main Road in the city on Jan.2, Jan.3 and from Jan.5 to 7, the City Police have imposed ban orders in 200 mts. radius around both the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm on all dates of the exam.

Accordingly, barring the examinees and examiners, no other unauthorised persons will be allowed entry to the exam centres. Also, all photocopy shops, cyber cafes and browsing centres in the vicinity of the centres have been ordered to shut down during exam hours.

Power disruption in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Due to underground cable laying works by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) in V.V. Mohalla Sub-division limits, there will be power disruption in the following areas from 10 am to 6 pm tomorrow (Jan. 2): Paduvarahalli, Vinayakanagar, Temple Road, Maharani's College, Adipampa Road, Valmiki Road, Yadavagiri, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri Railway track parallel road and surrounding areas. Members of the public are appealed to co-operate, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer.

MP Yaduveer presents Shikshana Nava Chetana Awards

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Shikshagraha Movement presented Shikshana Nava Chetana Award, a district-level school innovation initiative aimed at recognising and encouraging low-cost, context-driven improvements in schools across Mysuru and Kodagu districts.

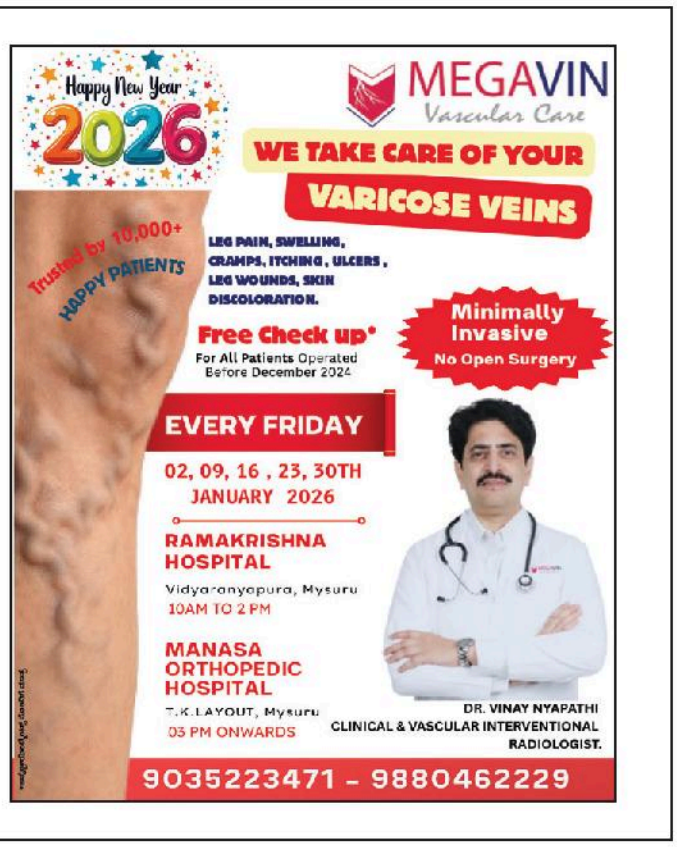
The awards were presented during Shikshana Samvaada, a district-level education dialogue, by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, at Rani Bahadur auditorium, Manasagangothri in city.

The winners of Yuva Hejje competition were also given prizes and certificates of appreciation.

In his address, Yaduveer Wadiyar said "Mysuru has the foundation, history and leadership required to build an education ecosystem where every child, regardless of background, can grow, learn and succeed — from cradle to career. The Shikshana Samvada is the first step towards shaping this collective vision. We need to move beyond isolated efforts and work together with a shared sense of responsibility." Yaduveer called for coordinated efforts of youth force and organisations in making Mysuru-Kodagu a model district in the field of education.

The award is open to stakeholders working with children from early childhood education (ECCE) to Grade 10, including school leaders, teachers, School Development and Monitoring Committee (SDMC) members, Anganwadi workers, supervisors, youth and women leaders. The initiative seeks to nurture a culture of continuous improvement by enabling schools and educators to identify focused areas of change and design practical solutions rooted in their local context.

Director of District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) Nagaraj, Women and Child Development Department's Basavaraju, OSAT Institution's Sudheer Ullamane, Resource Persons Dr. Chaitra from National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) and Founder of Shikshagraha Khushboo Avasti were present.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Prasaranga Book Fair extended

Following students and public demand, 'Prasaranga Pustakotsava' (Book Fair) special discount sale, organised by University of Mysore's (UoM) Publication Wing 'Prasaranga' at its premises in Manasagangothri on Hunsur Road, which was supposed to conclude on Dec. 31, has been extended till Jan. 31.

Coaching classes for teacher exam

Netaji Education Foundation is conducting a 3-month coaching class for HSTR (High School Teacher Recruitment) written exam and GPSTR (Graduate Primary School Teacher Recruitment) exam starting from tomorrow (Jan. 2), at the Foundation Office located on Krishna Vilas Road, opposite Avila Convent, near Jaganmohan Palace. For registration and details, those interested may contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611, according to a press release.

Deadline extended to Jan. 9

Kannada and Culture Department has extended the deadline for registered troupes, groups, organisations, associations and artistes engaged in promotion of Language, Arts, Literature, Folklore, Dance and Music for availing financial support, to Jan. 9. The earlier deadline was Dec. 30. Eligible organisations and artistes can apply through Seva Sindhu portal ***sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in*** by Jan. 9, according to a press release from the Department.

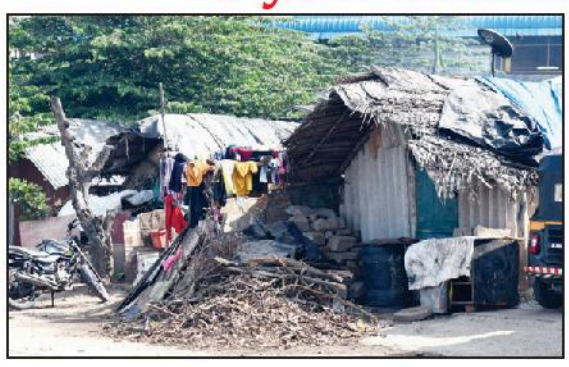
Mysore Varsity Ph.D awardees

S.B. Kavitha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Adhunika Kannada Natakagalalli Mysurina Samskruthika Parampare' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Thimmaiah.

M.S. Rashmi Urs has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis titled 'Evaluation of Financial Performance of Social Enterprises: A Study in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. N. Nagaraja.

Kogilu housing exposes Govt. double standards

Squatters in Bengaluru get houses in days while Mysuru slum dwellers wait for years!



Mysuru, Jan. 1 (BLU&BCT)- While the Congress Government has announced a swift decision to provide houses within just three to four days to displaced migrant families in Bengaluru's Kogilu Layout — who had encroached upon vast stretches of Government land — the move has sparked strong resentment in Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's home district of Mysuru, where thousands of slum dwellers have been waiting for rehabilitation for years.

Residents of Mysuru allege a glaring double standard, pointing out that despite repeated appeals, their long-pending demand for housing has remained ignored.

At the same time, the Chief Minister has shown unusual urgency and generosity towards displaced migrants in Bengaluru. The announcement, made during the New Year, included Siddaramaiah's assurance of immediate housing in Baiyappanahalli for Kogilu Layout residents.

Long-standing pleas ignored

Slum dwellers in Mysuru say they have consistently submitted petitions to Siddaramaiah during his visits to the city, seeking rehabilitation and basic amenities.

However, these pleas have failed to evoke any concrete response. Critics argue that the lightning-fast allocation of houses in Bengaluru exposes a stark imbalance in the Government's priorities.

According to reports, the Chief Minister's decision to expedite housing for the displaced families in Bengaluru was taken following the intervention of Congress National General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, a powerful party leader from Kerala.

Grim reality

In sharp contrast, slum residents in Mysuru continue to live in deplorable conditions, lacking even basic amenities such as drinking water, electricity and proper roads.

Chamaraja and Krishnaraja Constituencies together account for 106 slum areas, while Narasimharaja Constituency has 22 slum pockets. Only the Chamundeshwari constituency has been declared slum-free following rehabilitation.

Slum-free city promise unfulfilled

Under the National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM), the Centre had sanctioned funds to make Mysuru a slum-free city. During implementation, the Slum Clearance Board identified 115 slum areas, housing 19,500 families, with a population of 81,782.

A total of 6,328 houses were approved in Mahadevapura, Bannimantap and Sathagalli to permanently eliminate slums. Officials were warned that they would be held accountable for any new slum formation.

Despite these warnings, officials allegedly failed to act. Consequently, new slums have mushroomed in Bannimantap, Ghousianagar, Sathagalli and other parts of Mysuru, effectively reversing earlier rehabilitation efforts and turning these areas back into slum settlements.

Houses to be handed over tomorrow

Bengaluru, Jan. 1 (Agencies)- Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan said, houses will be distributed tomorrow (Jan. 2) to eligible families displaced by the demolition of unauthorised houses in Kogilu Layout near Yelahanka.

He announced this yesterday and explained that the distribution, originally scheduled for Jan. 1, had to be postponed by a day to complete the verification of documents and ensure that genuine beneficiaries were identified.

The Greater Bengaluru authority, along with the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation, has arranged for permanent alternative housing for those affected. Khan emphasised that Kannada families will be provided with proper housing facilities.

The Government-built flats, located in multi-storey buildings at Baiyappanahalli, about seven kilometres from Kogilu, will be handed over on humanitarian grounds, even though the demolished sheds had been constructed illegally on Government land. Each housing unit is valued at around Rs. 11.2 lakh.

Activists flay housing plan for squatters

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (MTY&BCT)- The State Government's decision to distribute houses in Baiyappanahalli to migrants displaced from the unauthorised Kogilu settlement in Bengaluru has drawn sharp criticism.

Girish Shivarchak, Founder and State President of Kasturi Karnataka Nyayapara Vedike, has urged that priority be given to homeless Kannadigas rather than migrants. Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan yesterday, he argued that people arriving from other States have already secured a dominant share of jobs in Bengaluru, working as auto and car drivers, in hotels, construction sites, factories, security agencies and street-side businesses, thereby reducing employment opportunities for Kannadigas.

He stressed that the Government must focus on safeguarding jobs for Kannadigas and withdraw its decision to provide houses to migrants who have settled illegally in Kogilu.

Siddu-Vijayan display bonhomie after Kogilu spat...

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan. 1 (Agencies)- Amid the ongoing tension over the Kogilu Layout demolition row in Bengaluru, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan shared a stage yesterday and shook hands.

However, despite the clear portrayal behind the 'all is well' gesture, the stress between the leaders could be sensed as Pinarayi left the event before Siddaramaiah's address.

The development came during the 93rd Sivagiri Pilgrimage event, being held in Varkala, Kerala. Siddaramaiah is in Kerala to participate in the event and pay tribute to the enduring legacy of Sree Narayana Guru, the revered social reformer.

This is the first time that Siddaramaiah and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan are sharing a stage following their recent political face-off over the Kogilu illegal encroachment demolitions.

According to the sources, Vijayan left the event before Siddaramaiah's address. However, before leaving, the Kerala Chief Minister went to Siddaramaiah and AICC General Secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal and had a chat.

Reportedly, Vijayan also informed Siddaramaiah of his urgency to leave to attend the Cabinet meeting.

Notably, the row erupted in response to the CPM's dismal performance in the recent Local Body elections, following which the party decided to appease the minority community.

To gain the trust of minority voters, whom the party believed had shifted their support to the United Democratic Front (UDF), Pinarayi decided to politically leverage the Bengaluru demolition controversy.

Palace aglow with fireworks

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (PM&VNS)- Night skies above the illuminated Mysore Palace was lit up with colourful display of fireworks to usher in New Year 2026 as soon as the clock struck midnight.

The fireworks shot to the sky were a perfect visual treat for the Palace visitors, as the crowd gazed above unperturbed for 15 minutes till 12.15 am. The public then wished each other at the venue and left.

The new year's eve celebrations at the Palace premises began with Karnataka Police Band performing from 11 pm till 12 midnight. The 50-member band kept the music buffs engaged and transported them to the world of music.

Mysore Palace Board had provided free entry to public through Varaha Gate, Jayarama and Balarama Gates.

People entering the Palace had to pass through security check as the authorities did not want the repeat of helium cylinder blast which occurred last week near the Jayamarthanda Gate.

Mysureans welcome New Year with peace & harmony

Tight Police vigil ensures incident-free celebrations

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (PM&VNS)- The New Year celebrations in Mysuru were peaceful with fortunately not a single untoward incident reported across both City and District Police limits.

With intensified patrolling, the City and District Police ensured the celebrations went on smoothly. In Mysuru city limits, a total of 1,466 Police personnel including 4 DCPs, 8 ACPs, 34 Police Inspectors, 66 PSIs, 128 ASIs, 1,062 Head Constables and Police Constables were deployed at various locations.

In addition, 10 CAR and 5 KSRP platoons, 2 Commando teams and a Dog Squad were also pressed in to keep a check on party goers.

Special Chamundi Commando Squad was also seen making rounds across the city to ensure safety of women. The Traffic Management and Enforcement Automation Centre (TMEC) at Mysuru City Police Commissioner's Office was also keeping a close watch on main thoroughfares of the city through CCTV cameras installed at various places across the city.

The Police had also deployed Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) patrol vehicles and Highway Patrol vehicles to watch for overspeeding vehicles and wheeling. Intra-city Check-posts were also setup to prevent any untoward incidents.

Liquor sales soar

As the preparations began for New Year celebrations, people were seen thronging MRP outlets to purchase liquor early in the evening to avoid last minute rush.

Entry banned to Chamundi Hill

The City Police had also banned entry to Chamundi Hill, except for the residents, from 7 pm yesterday. Authorities had closed all entry gates including Uttanahalli Cross Gate, Daivivana Gate and Chamundi Foothill Gates.

Meanwhile, entry through Tavarekatte Gate was banned from 8 pm. Carrying food and liquor to the Hill was also restricted. Visitors to the Hill were asked to vacate the place by 9 pm through Tavarekatte Gate.

New Year Bash...

Mysureans ushered in New Year 2026 with music and dance as organisers made elaborate arrangements to welcome the guests for the celebrations. People along with their friends and families visited various clubs, hotels and resorts located in and around the city as the countdown began. Celebrations were also held at some residential layouts and apartments with residents organising games and cultural events to make the evening memorable.

Youths frolicking at Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club).

It's party time at Regenta Central Javaji, Mysuru.

Guests showcasing their dance moves at The Cosmopolitan Club.

Family and friends having a fun time at The Quorum Hotel.

Actor-couple Pavithra Lokesh and Naresh spotted along with their friends at the Royal Orchid Metropole Hotel in city.

Members & guests shaking their legs to the tune of music at Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club.

A quiet New Year celebration at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel.

Temple rush on New Year Day

(Continued from page 1)

Both Sri Chamundeshwari Temple and Tripurasundari Jwalamukhi Devi Temple at Uttanahalli witnessed heavy footfall, with many devotees proceeding directly to the Jwalamukhi Devi Temple after offering prayers at the hilltop shrine.

Special gems and pearls from Kerala

Devotees began queuing up as early as 6 am near Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar First Stage for the first *darshan* of the deity.

Temple authorities, who had earlier announced the distribution of two lakh laddus, organised separate queues for women, men, senior citizens and specially-abled devotees to facilitate orderly entry.

Queues reportedly stretched three to four kilometres from the temple premises, with devotees patiently waiting to reach the *sanctum sanctorum*. As a special attraction, Lord Yoganarasimhaswamy was adorned with gems and pearls sourced from Kerala.

Other temples also report rush

Similar scenes were witnessed at several other prominent temples, including Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple in Vontikoppal, Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, 101 Ganapathi Temple at Agrahara in Mysuru, Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud, Sri Ranganathaswamy and Nimishamba Temples at Srirangapatna and Sri Male Mahadeshwaraswamy Temple atop Male Mahadeshwara Hills in Chamarajanagar.

Police had made extensive security arrangements at major temples within the city and in surrounding areas to ensure the safety of devotees and prevent any untoward incidents.

Traffic Police reported heavy movement on key roads leading to religious and cultural centres, while additional measures were taken to manage the surge in vehicular flow. Local businesses, eateries and vendors also reported brisk activity as celebratory crowds thronged markets and food stalls across the city.

Vishwakarma Amarashilpi Jakanachari Samsmarana Day

Protest erupts over absence of elected representatives

Mysuru, Jan.1 (GA&DM)- Venting their ire over the absence of elected representatives despite official invitations for the Vishwakarma Amarashilpi Jakanachari Samsmarana Day event today, members of the Vishwakarma community staged a sit-in protest on the steps of Kalamandira this morning.

The event, organised jointly by the District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), was scheduled to begin at the at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises at 10.30 am.

However, none of the invited elected representatives turned up even after 12 noon, triggering widespread anger among Vishwakarma community leaders who had made all arrangements for the programme.

Upset over the delay and what they termed official apathy, community leaders walked out of the hall and staged a demonstration, protesting the indifferent attitude of the elected representatives who failed to attend the programme on time.

After some time, MLC C.N. Manjegowda arrived at the venue. He was immediately surrounded by community leaders, who questioned the political and administrative indifference towards the event.

However, his attempts to pacify the protesters failed, with community members insisting that the Deputy Commissioner, the MP and other elected representatives should attend an official programme of such importance.

Minutes later, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda arrived at Kalamandira and, after prolonged discussions, succeeded in convincing the Vishwakarma community leaders. Following this, the programme finally commenced at around 1 pm, with protesters returning to the hall.

However, in an open expression of resentment, community leaders were heard stating that this was not the first instance of elected representatives and officials showing negligence towards the Amarashilpi Jakanachari commemorative event.

Apart from MLA K. Harishgowda and MLC C.N. Manjegowda, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. P. Shivaraju, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Assistant Director Sudarshan were present.

DOCUMENTS LOST

I, Hemanth H.S, R/a Ashirvad Layout, 16th Ward, Gundlupet, Chamarajanagar- 571111 have lost the Sale Deed Identification GUN-1-00918-2012-13 on 31.12.2025.

Finders Please Contact : 81472 48138

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Prime Locations

43x93
East Facing Ashokapuram Railway Station 100 Mtr Near Bedarakanappa Temple.

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(Brokers Excuse)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To whomsoever it may concern,
Notice is hereby given under the instruction of my client that the **property No. 2954**, situated at 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Saraswathipuram, Mysore-570009 is in the name of late A.V.Chapakamalini which is under litigation in a court case **O.S.No. 802/2021** on the file of Fifth Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC at Mysore and is pending.
Kindly refrain from any property dealings on with the house property.
House Property : No 2954, situated at 1st main, 2nd cross, Saraswathipuram, Mysore-570009

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SATEESH Kollur, s/o Shivasharanappa Kollur, #2366, 10th Main, 5th Cross, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysore have Changed My Name from Sateesh Kollur to Sateesh for all future Purpose.

Sd/- Sateesh

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client is entering into joint Development Agreement pertaining to the schedule mentioned property from its owner Sri. Krishnegowda K., S/o Late Kempegowda, Residing at: No.968/1 , Near Supriya Hospital, Old Post Office Road, Hinkal, Mysuru. Smt. B.S. Siddalingamma W/o Late Shadakshari, Residing at No.172, 26th Cross 31st Main, J.P. Nagara, Mysuru and Smt. B.V. Surekha, W/o Bilvaraju, Residing at 172, Tipaturu Town, Tumkuru District.
Any person/s having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, lease lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easements, transfer, license, possession, gift, encumbrance or in whatsoever manner are hereby required to give notice of the same to the undersigned in the address mentioned below within 15 days from the date of publication thereof, together with the copies of all documents on the basis of which such claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest or claim, if any will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on my client and my client will proceed to conclude the transaction of Joint Development Agreement without reference to the same, if any.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The agricultural land bearing Sy.No. 189 measuring 3 acres, situated at Kalalavadi Village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysore Taluk is bounded on.
East by : Remaining land in Sy. No. 148 and land in Sy. No.179, West by : Udburu Boundary, North by : Government Oni and Remaining land in Sy. No.148, South by : Remaining land in Sy. No. 148 and land in Sy. No.175.

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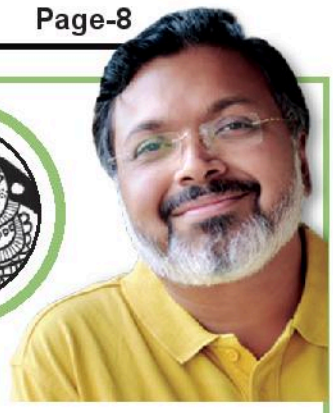
DECODING MYTHOLOGY



Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

The two faces of Varuna

Varuna is one of the most ancient gods of the Vedic pantheon. In the Rig Veda, he is majestic, distant and terrifying. He sits above the world, ruler of the sky and the ocean, guardian of the cosmic law called rta.

He sees everything. Nothing escapes him. His noose catches those who lie or break their word. His power is not physical strength but moral authority. He is a governor and a judge.

He belongs to the world of priests, chants and night skies. He complements Indra, the warrior. Indra is associated with raids and war. Varuna is associated with peace. Indra accumulates wealth (yoga). Varuna distributes wealth (kshema). Indra is linked to individualistic expansion (svarajya). Varuna is linked with collective consolidation (samrajya). But in later texts, Varuna is linked to the sea and the western direction, just as Indra is more linked to rain and the eastern direction. When Vishnu and Shiva rise in popularity, Varuna becomes father of Lakshmi, the goddess of fortune, who Indra woos.

But, far away from the texts, along the long Indian coastline, a different Varuna lives. A romantic sea god — Samudra Dev, Jol Devta, Varun Raja. Here, people speak to him, sing to him, fear him, love him. Fisherwomen sing at dawn, traders pray at dusk and sailors whisper to him before sailing. In these songs and stories, the tides of the sea represent the yearnings and craving of a lonely god.

In Gujarat, they tell of a fisherwoman who sings so sweetly that Varun Raja rises from the sea to woo her. But when she refuses, he does not punish her. He leaves her pearls and fish — gifts of the ocean. In Odisha, the sea god falls in love with a young bride who waits at the shore for her husband's return. He cannot have her, so he gives her safe passage and treasures instead.

And in Bengal's Sundarbans, the sea god seduces a pearl maiden, takes her beneath the waves, but lets her go when she wants to return to the human world. This is not the cold Varuna of the Veda, but a warm, desiring, passionate god.

So we have two ways of seeing the same god. One is cosmic, where Varuna stands for law, morality and distant power. The other is folk, where he is a sensual sea-god, who desires but also respects the shore. In the first, the sea is infinite and formless, like the night sky. In the second, it is alive, hungry, breathing, a lover who whispers through the waves.

Both images coexist. Neither cancels the other. The Vedic Varuna reflects the worldview of priests and rituals, where gods are guardians of order. The folk Varuna reflects the worldview of people who live with the sea every day — fisherfolk, traders, sailors — who must treat the ocean as a being with moods, appetites and emotions.

And that is the magic of Indian mythology. Gods are never frozen in one form. They change as they travel. They carry both dignity and desire. Varuna is not only the god of the sea; he is the sea — sometimes calm, sometimes dangerous, sometimes a judge, sometimes a lover.

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Actor 'Kiccha' Sudeepa visits city theatre

Fans go frenzy to see 'Abhinaya Chakravarti'

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (VVH&BS)- Following the successful run of his new release 'Mark,' Kannada film actor Sudeepa visited Sangam theatre on Chandragupta Road in city yesterday.

Sudeepa, who is popular as 'Kiccha' among his fans, told media persons, that he was grateful to his fans, for making the film a grand success, despite the menace of piracy, that is being dealt with legally.

"I came to Mysuru with lots of love to watch the movie. I am not able to remember, when was the last film I watched here. Barring the shooting time, I rarely visit this place. I will make time and watch the film with fans any other time," assured actor Sudeepa.

Sudeepa, who earlier had plans to watch the movie amidst spectators, had to change his plans, owing to technical issues at the theatre.

Earlier, Sudeepa had a brief halt at Hotel Sandesh The Prince, where a large number of his fans had turned up. They raised slogans *Kiccha... Kiccha.*

He later visited the Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and had the *darshan* of the deity.

Major changes in IPS, IAS postings

DIGP Dr. M.B Boralingaiah now IGP, SP N. Vishnuvardhana KPA Director

Mallikarjun Baladandi is new Mysuru SP; Muthuraju Chamarajanagar SP

Dr. Boralingaiah

Vishnuvardhana

Bindu Mani

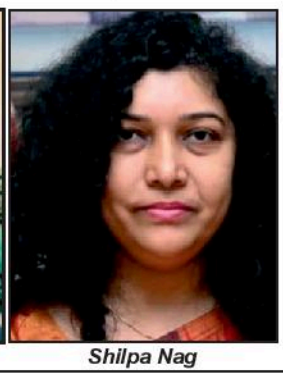
Muthuraju

Shobharani

Kavitha

Mallikarjun

Shaikh Tanveer Asif


Shilpa Nag

Sriroopa

Venkat Raja

Mysuru, Jan. 1 (BLU&BS)- In a major shake up on New Year's eve, the State Government has transferred 80 IAS and 68 IPS Officers, with some of them elevated with a promotion.

Prominent among the IPS Officers promoted include DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, who has been promoted as IGP and retained, while Superintendent of Police (SP) of Mysuru N. Vishnuvardhana has been promoted as DIGP and posted as the Director of Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru.

Mysuru DCP (Law and Order) R.N. Bindu Mani has been transferred as SP of Kodagu district while K. Ramarajan, who was serving as Kodagu SP, has been shifted to Belagavi as SP.

Meanwhile, Mandya SP Mallikarjun Baladandi has been transferred to Mysuru as SP and Dr. V.J. Shobharani, the SP of Ballari, has been shifted to Mandya as SP. She had previously served as Dy.SP in Mandya.

Similarly, Chamarajanagar SP Dr. B.T. Kavitha has been transferred as SP, Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Bengaluru and M. Muthuraju, who was serving as SP, Bengaluru Metropolitan Task Force (BMTF) has been transferred in the place of Kavitha. Muthuraju had previously served as Additional SP of Chamarajanagar district in 2015. Besides, he had also served as DCP (Law and Order) in Mysuru.

Hassan SP M.S. Mohammed Sujeetha has been transferred as DCP (South East Division), Bengaluru City. She is replaced by Shubhanwitha, SP, CID. ASP of Holenarasipur Sub-Division Shalu has been promoted and transferred as SP, CID, Bengaluru.

SP of Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE) Dr. K. Dharanidevi has been promoted as DIGP and transferred to State Intelligence Wing. Similarly, the SP of Internal Security Division (ISD) A.N. Prakash Gowda has been promoted as DIGP and posted to Special Action Force (SAF).

MCC Commr. promoted

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif has been promoted and retained in the same office.

Ch. Nagar DC shifted

While Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shilpa Nag has been transferred as the Commissioner of Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Sriroopa, who was the Commissioner of Animal Husbandry, has been shifted as Chamarajanagar DC.

Kodagu DC

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Venkat Raja has been transferred as the Commissioner of Survey Settlement and Land Records while Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department S.J. Somashekar has been brought in as DC of Kodagu.

Obituary

R. Shivashankaraswamy

Mysuru, Jan. 1 - R. Shivashankaraswamy (68), a senior journalist, Editor of 'Vaarada Mithra' and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Hema, children Pradeep and Deepika and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Rukmini

Rukmini (85), wife of retired Post-Master Kempaiah and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Mamballi village in Yalandurtaluk this morning, according to family sources.

Raju

Raju (Basha), a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away yesterday in city. He was 46.

He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this morning, according to family sources.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued to the General Public that Sri. Raghavendra B S/O. Sri. Basavaraju residing at # 53, 40 feet Road, 3rd Cross, Raghava Nagar, Mysore Road, Near Kashi Eshwar Temple, Bengaluru - 560 026 has agreed to Sell the Schedule Property to my client/s. Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or claim, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the schedule property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned along with documentary evidence at # L-50/2A, 1st Floor, Ashoka Road, Mysuru -570 001 within FIFTEEN (15) days from the date of this Public Notice, failing which such claim/s shall be considered to have been waived and/or given up and my client/s shall be entitled to complete the sale transaction that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with respect of the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY BEARING NO. 263, E-KHATA NO. 63-4-603-449, MEASURING EAST TO WEST 38 FEET AND NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FEET, COMPRISING OF BUILDING ON GROUND FLOOR, SITUATED AT SHEELA MARGA, 13TH CROSS, SIDDARTHA NAGAR, NAZARBAD MOHALLA, MYSURU & BOUNDED ON :-EAST BY : ROAD, WEST BY:PROPERTY BEARING NO. 262, NORTH BY PROPERTY BEARING NO. 264, SOUTH BY : ROAD

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public at large is hereby notified that my client has agreed to purchase the below-described Schedule Property from its respective absolute owners, viz., 1) legal heirs of **Late Parvin Taj** i.e., **Mr. Syed Iqbal** & Others and 2) **Mrs. Najmunnisa**, wife of Late Sabulal A & Others. Further, it is hereby expressly stated by the Owners that there was a Civil Suit in O.S. No. 282/2013, followed by FDP No. 06/2016, which was decreed on 18-03-2024 & FDP No. 07/2018, which was decreed on 29-08-2023. The above-named aggrieved owners have filed an Appeal before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru against both FDP's, by filing RFA No. 1757/2025 (PAR), which is under pendency. Therefore, it is hereby further notified that any person/s, including those who enter into any transaction, agreement or dealing pursuant to or relying upon the aforesaid FDP proceedings, shall do so entirely at their own risk, and such transactions shall not be binding upon my client/s or the proposed purchaser. The person/s involved in such transaction/s shall be wholly and solely responsible for any loss, cost, damages or consequences arising there from; neither the Owner nor the proposed purchaser shall be responsible or liable for any of the loss, damages, claims, disputes, litigation, or consequences arising out of such transactions. No claim of any nature shall lie against the aforementioned owners or the proposed purchaser in this regard. Any Banks, Financial Institutions, Private Financiers and all Statutory Authorities, entering into any agreement, creating any charge, claiming any right, interest, objections or charges on the under-mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof, is/are hereby required to contact me at my Office SLD LAW FIRM, No. 1416, N.S. Road, Near Sapna Book House, Mysuru, with documentary evidence, within 07 (Seven) days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said transaction will be completed without any references or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF Immovable Agriculture Land in Survey No. 76/4 and Residential Converted Land in Survey No. 76/7, totally measuring 05 Acres 23 Guntas, situated at Vajamangala Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, and the details are as under;

Survey No.	Extent		Owner Name	Boundary			
				East	West	North	South
76/4	02	33	Syed Iqbal	Sy.No. 77	Sy.No.76/7	Sy.Nos. 76/3, 76/5 & 79	Road Margin & Bannur Main Road
76/7	02	30	Najmunnisa	Sy.No. 76/4	Sy.No.75	Sy.Nos. 76/1, 76/2 & 76/3, 76/5, & 76/6	Road Margin & Bannur Main Road
					Alienation Order No. ALN (2) CR 25/2008-09 Dt. 19.01.2009		
Total	05	23					

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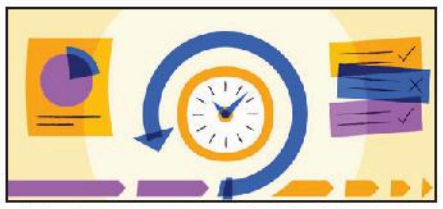
WORD OF THE DAY

Retrospective

Pronunciation: reh-truh-SPEK-tiv (adjective)



Meaning: Retrospective describes something that relates to the past or to something that happened in the past.

Origin: At the year's end, both introspection and retrospection are common. While introspection involves looking inward and taking stock of oneself, retrospection is all about recollecting and contemplating things that happened in the past. A look back at the history of the related adjective retrospective reveals that it retains a strong connection to its past: its Latin source is retrospicere, meaning "to look back at." Retrospective can also be used as a noun referring to an exhibition that "looks back" at an artist's work created over a span of years. Once you have retrospective and retrospection behind you, you can also add their kin retrospect (most familiar in the phrase in retrospect to describe thinking about the past or something that happened in the past) and retro (usually meaning "fashionably nostalgic or old-fashioned") to your vocabulary, too.

Example: "Our retrospective sense of time hinges on memory: Periods rich in novel, significant experiences feel longer, while routine collapses duration ..." — Marc Wittmann, Psychology Today, 16 Nov. 2025

THE ODD WORD

Macropicide

Killer of kangaroos.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Putting lipstick on a pig

Meaning: 'Putting lipstick on a pig' is a rhetorical term generally used in reference to someone who's trying to make cosmetic or superficial changes on himself that clearly doesn't deceive anyone.

Origin: The connection between pigs and lipstick goes back to 1926, where the editor of the Los Angeles Times, Charles Lummins wrote: "Most of know as much of history as a pig does of lipsticks." However, the first recorded use of the phrase as we use today, was in a 1985 article in the Washington Post, regarding plans to renovate a Park in San Francisco: "That would be like putting lipstick on a pig."

Example: "Did you see Susan's new hairdo? I guess she thought that cutting her bangs and coloring her hair bright orange looks good." Joe – "Oh please, it's like putting lipstick on a pig."

QUOTE BOX

Every man regards his own life as the New Year's Eve of time. **—Jean Paul**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

heart

Answer: Broken Heart.

SUDOKU

3			1			7		8
	7		5			4	1	
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Answer to previous puzzle

4	6	7	2	5	1	9	3	8
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6	4	3	1	8	9	5	2	7
7	5	2	4	6	3	8	9	1
2	7	4	9	1	5	6	8	3
5	3	1	8	4	6	2	7	9
8	9	6	3	7	2	1	5	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Advertisements, in short?
4 Air Traffic Serv.
7 Rep. of Korea
10 'Me' in French
11 Spiritual and immortal part of man
13 Be employed
14 Tearjerker (3,5)
16 Construction piece (1-3)
17 Smelly weasel-like animal
19 Unmarried woman
21 Aunt in Spanish
24 Oil group
25 Shouting
27 Composition for nine performers
29 External
30 Solace, soothe or comfort
33 Plantation in "Gone With The Wind"
34 Vane directions ?
35 Home in on
38 See, perceive or understand
39 New Zealand bird
42 Protective cases for lamps or lights
46 Small drop or spot
47 Bible book abbr.
48 Arab market
49 Able or competent
50 Monetary unit of Vietnam
51 Grad. degree

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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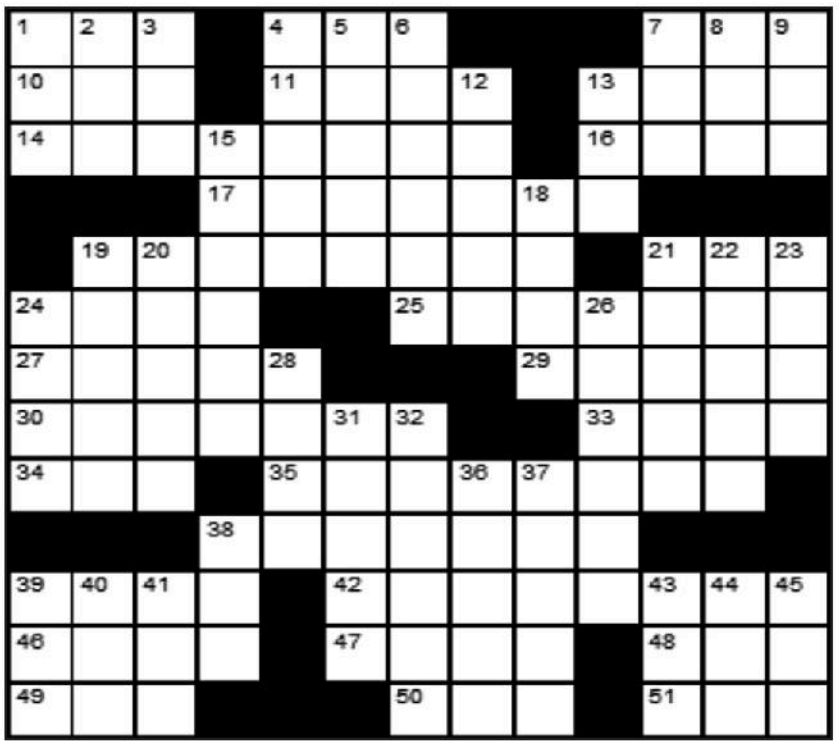
DOWN

1 Early hrs.
2 1988 Dennis Quaid remake
3 Standard Instrument Departure
4 ___ Villa : famous football club?
5 Worker's instruments
6 Guarantee
7 Deprive of possessions
8 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
9 2014 IPL champions
12 French school
13 Clever humour
15 Clove, nutmeg, etc
18 Folksinger Guthrie
19 Piece of cutlery
20 Pasta variety
21 Largest moon of Saturn
22 Non reactive
23 Taj Mahal city
24 At __ : immediately or simultaneously?
26 Famous Lloyd's bell
28 Local headgear?
31 A cotton thread
32 Convert a cheque into physical money?
36 Five as a prefix?
37 Prefix for straight or right
38 Drop bait lightly
39 Popular TV show hosted by Big B
40 ___ Arun : playback singer?
41 Was successful in combat
43 Regional Sales Manager, abbr.
44 Lump or protuberance
45 Jamaican dance music



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YDNSEUW EU SVY CLYUSVYSEQ SVCS

ABHHU SVY TCEL NG USBTEAESZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who lives only to benefit himself confers on the world a benefit when he dies.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Mark (K) - 5 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Mark (K) (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  45 (K) - 3 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  45 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Mark (K)	(S-1)	6.30 am
	(S-2)	6.30 am
	(S-3)	6.30 am
	(S-4)	6.30 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm,
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	10 am, 6.05 pm, 10.05 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	2.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.35 am
45 (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10 pm
Sirai (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
Champion (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Anaconda (E)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	(S-3)	9.45 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

45 (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	11 am
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	1 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.35 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	4.05 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4.50 pm, 9.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Dhurandhar (H)	:	8.10 am, 11.50 am, 3.30 pm 6.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	8.45 am, 9.55 am, 12.40 pm 4.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.15 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	9.10 am, 3.25 pm, 9.40 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.05 pm, 10.20 pm
45 (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.25 pm, 3.45 pm 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Champion (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.25 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3.55 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	7.45 pm
Sirai (Ta)	:	10.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.05 am, 3.10 pm, 5.55, 10.30 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.05 pm, 2.50 pm 7.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.35 am, 4.45 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	11.50 am, 7 pm
The Devil (K)	:	1.20 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm

Nrityagiri Monthly Dance Series - January Edition

Bharatanatyam recitals on Jan. 2

Mysuru, Jan. 1- Nrityagiri, Mysuru, will be organising Monthly Series of Dance Performances at its premises, #16/1, Preethi Layout, Srirampura, from January, 2026, showcasing exceptional talents in Bharatanatyam and classical arts.

The January edition will feature performances by Ashwini Manjunath from the USA, senior disciple of Nrityagiri and Anveshha Madhusudan from Mysuru, disciple of Vidu. Lakshmi Shavanth (senior disciple of Nrityagiri) at 6 pm on Jan. 2

Ashwini Manjunath

Anveshha Madhusudan

PROFILES

Ashwini Manjunath: Disciple of Gurus Dr. Kripa Phadke and Shankar Kandasamy, Ashwini is an accomplished Bharatanatyam artiste, performer and educator, based in Virginia, USA.

She began her initial training in Pandanalluru bani under the tutelage of Vidu. Dr. Kripa Phadke at Nrityagiri, Mysuru.

Ashwini further refined her skills under the expert guidance of Shankar Kandasamy from Malaysia. Ashwini is currently being trained in Nattuvanga and Rhythmic compositions under Mridanga Vidwan Nagai P. Sriram, Chennai.

Her passion for Bharatanatyam led her to establish Nrityaloka Centre of Performing Arts in Richmond, Virginia. Under her direction, Nrityaloka team has performed at numerous organisations and conferences and notable events include Classical Dance Festival (Margazhi Utsav) in New York, Indian Embassy (Washington DC) cultural programme for Indian Independence Day and the AAPI (American Asian Pacific Islander) Heritage celebration held at Fort Lee in the US Army base.

Anveshha Madhusudan: Daughter of P. Madhusudan and Sanjana Madhusudan, Anveshha hails from Nanjangud, Mysuru. She is currently studying in Grade 6 at Kautilya Vidyalaya, Mysuru. Anveshha began her Bharatanatyam training at the age of 6 under Vidu. Meghana Rao and is presently continuing her advanced training under the guidance of Vidu. N.S. Lakshmi, Mysuru.

In addition to dance, Anveshha is passionate about Karnatak classical music and is undergoing training under Vidu. Prema Keshavamurthy. She has completed Junior Exams in both Bharatanatyam and Karnatak Music and is currently preparing for Senior level. Anveshha practices Ashtanga Yoga under Guru Yoga Kumar and has also trained in Karate under Sunil and has earned her Black Belt.

She has even showcased her brilliance in Modelling, Swimming, Gymnastics and Western Dance, winning several awards.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 1)

- **Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, Vijayanagar 1st Stage:** Temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji distributes laddus to devotees as part of New Year celebrations, Temple premises, **up to 11 pm.**
- **Hotel Mayura Hoysala, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC):** New Year celebrations, Avarekalu Aahara Mela, Hotel premises, JLB Road, near Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle, **7 pm to 10.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 2)

- **Children's Literary Club:** Prog. on 'Strengthening the English of Kannada Medium Students' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Bharati Stree Samaj School, Yadavagiri, **1.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Sri Mahalakshmi Temple, Kanakadasaranagar (Dattagalli):** Satyanarayana Puja, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	9 am, 4.15 pm
45 (K)	:	9.05 am, 11.55 am, 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.35 am, 9.40 am, 4.50 pm 6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.10 pm, 6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	12.40 pm, 7.55 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E)	:	12.50 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	2.55 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Mark (K)	:	9.15 am, 3.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.45 pm, 6.25, 10.30 pm
45 (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Anaconda (E)	:	9.55 am, 4.50 pm
Tu Meri Main Tera Main Tera Tu Meri (H)	:	12.20 pm, 7.15 pm
Mindiyum Paranjum (Ma)	:	1.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Vrusshabha (Ma)	:	4.30 pm

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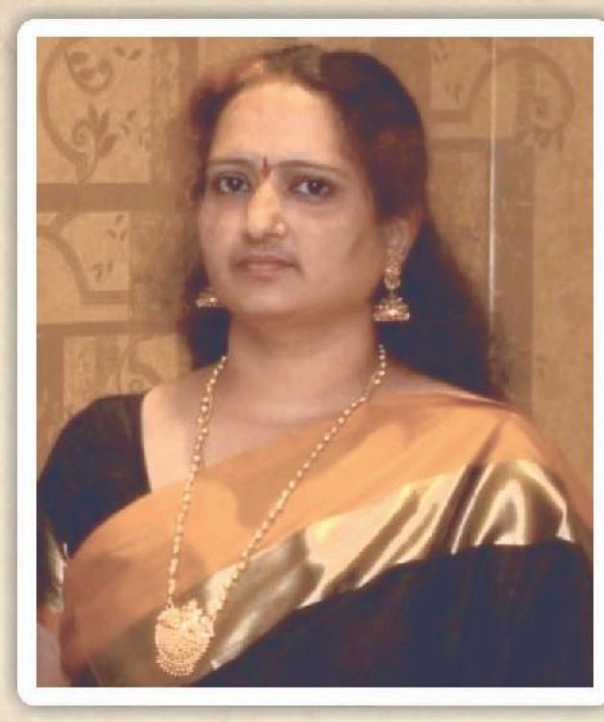

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